

REMARKS

As the Examiner conceded in the Restriction Requirement, the inventions in Group II relate to a receiver having a receiving section for receiving a program, attribute information, and meaning information. The inventions in Group I relate to a transmitter transmitting a program, attribute information, and meaning information or an accumulating function executing program.

The inventions in Group I and II both share a special technical feature, “the meaning information,” so that the inventions have a technical relationship.

Unity of invention exists when there is a technical relationship among the claimed inventions involving one or more special technical features (See MPEP 1850, THE REQUIREMENT FOR “UNITY OF INVENTION” and PCT Rule 13.2).

Thus it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction of the claims since claims in the Group I and Group II comply with the requirements of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2.

Applicants also request an initialed forms PTO-1449 confirming consideration of references cited in the IDSs filed on August 13, 2001 and January 5, 2004.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.33883.

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